O MUJAHID

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All praise is due to Allah the Lord of the Worlds. O Allah grant peace and blessings to our leader the Messenger of Allah, Muhammad the son of Abdillah, his family, pure companions and those who follow them. ... Ameen.

To proceed:

O Mujahid in the Way of Allah. I love you for the Sake of Allah. I worship Allah by loving you, and I supplicate to Allah by this love to make me among the ones He loves.

It was related by Imam Ahmad that Abu Muslim Al-Khawlani said: "I visited the masjid of the people of Damascus. There was a group of old companions of the Prophet - peace be upon him, with them was a black-eyed young man with sparkling teeth. Whenever they disagreed on something they will always refer to him." He said, "I asked a person sitting next to me, 'Who is that?' He said, 'Mu'adh ibn Jabal.' I returned in the evening, but they did not attend. So I went the next morning, they did not come either. Then I saw the young man praying behind a pillar. I prayed then turned to him. After he finished his Salah I approached him and said, 'I love you for the Sake of Allah.' He pulled me close to him and asked, 'What did you say?' I answered, 'I love you for the Sake of Allah.' He said, 'I heard the Messenger of Allah - peace be upon him - saying: "**Those who love each other for the Sake of Allah will be on platforms of light under the Shade of Allah's Throne on the Day in which there is no shade except its shade.**"

He (Abu Muslim) said, "Then I went out and met 'Ubadah bin Samit. I mentioned to him the hadeeth (I heard) from Mu'adh ibn Jabal. He said, 'I heard the Messenger of Allah - peace be upon him - quoting his Lord (Hadeeth Quds) Who said: **My love is established to those who love one another for My sake; and My love is established to those who visit one another for My sake. And My love is established to those who spend money for My sake. (In fact) those who love one another for the Sake of Allah will be at pulpits of light, their adobe will be envied by the Prophets and the truthful**"

And I love you O Mujahid in the Way of Allah. I love for you all that will bring you closer to Allah. Bukhari and Muslim related that Anas ibn Malik said: The Messenger of Allah - peace be upon him - said: "**None of you believes until he loves for his brother that which he loves for himself.**"

And desire for you O Mujahid, to be loved by Allah. Because Allah has slaves "**He loves them and they love Him; (they are) humble towards the believers, stern towards the disbelievers, fighting in the Way of Allah, and never fear the blame of the blamers.**" I do not exonorate anyone in front of Allah.

I ask Allah the Almighty to make me and you among the Muttaqeen (pious) ﴿**Verily, for the Muttaqeen is a good final return (Paradise of) Eden (everlasting Gardens), whose doors will be opened for them. Therein they will recline; therein they will call for fruits in abundance and drinks; And beside them will be Qaasirat-at-Tarf [chaste females (wives) restraining their glances [desiring none except their husbands)], (and) of equal ages. This it is what you (Muttaqeen) are promised for the Day of Reckoning! (It will be said,) «Verily, this is Our Provision which will never finish.**﴾ [38: 49-54]

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THE FIRST MESSAGE

O Mujahid in the Way of Allah. There are two messages I would like to address, (messages) from a caring adviser.

O Mujahid, our fighting is for the Sake of Allah, to please Allah, and so that the Word of Allah becomes the highest. And indeed, the Shayateen, from the Jinn and mankind, are sitting in our way, and constantly plotting against us. Their goal is: for us to lose this world and the Hereafter.

And among the most dangerous of enemies, is an enemy between the streams of breath and the pulses of the heart. It is the human self which is inclined to evil; and the desires which hinder him from the Path of Allah.

It is the enemy between the ribs, hidden within one's chest; an enemy that adorns evil and calls to it. It seduces with egoism and ignites the flame of greediness; it calls to vices and commands evil. ﴿**Verily, the human self is inclined to evil, except those my Lord bestows His mercy upon. Verily, my Lord is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.**﴾ [12: 53]

So beware of obeying and clinging to ones evil self, and following desires. To incline to ones evil self leads to destruction and demise. And he who follows desires will surely stumble, and stray away from the Way of Allah. Allah says in the Holy Quran: ﴿**... And follow not your desire - for it will mislead you from the Path of Allah. Verily, those who wander astray from the Path of Allah (shall) have a severe torment, because they forgot the Day of Reckoning.**﴾ [38: 26] A severe torment is for those who stray from the Path of Allah by following their desire. ﴿**But as for him who feared standing before his Lord, and restrained himself from impure evil desires and lusts. Verily, Paradise will be his abode.**﴾ [79: 40-41]

O Mujahid, beware of the hidden desire '**The crave of leadership (Power)**'.

Verily, the Mujahideen do not fight to gain monarchy, they do not struggle with one another over leadership issues. They sacrifice their lives and wealth so that the Shari'ah of Allah is dominant. A Mujahid sacrifices himself so that Muslims live under Shari'ah, even if (the rule comes) after his death.

Allah the Almighty says, ﴿**That home of the Hereafter (Paradise), We shall assign to those who rebel not against the truth with pride and oppression in the land nor do mischief by committing crimes. And the good end is for the Muttaqeen.**﴾ [28: 83]

Allah prepared the Hereafter and its bliss for those who do not crave for pride on this earth nor participate in corruption. Ibn Katheer said (on the previous verse): "The Almighty informs that the home of the Hereafter and its everlasting bliss, will be destined to His believing and humble Slaves who do not crave for pride on this earth - i.e. Haughtiness and arrogance over the Creation of Allah - and they do not want corruption." [Tafseer Ibn Katheer]

Ibn Taymiyyah - may Allah have mercy on him - said: "People are of four kinds:

First kind: Those who want to be superior over other people and spread corruption on earth; this is against Allah's Commands. They are the likes of corrupted kings and rulers like Fir'aun and his party. The most evil of the creation. Allah the Almighty said: ﴿**Verily, Fir'aun exalted himself in the land and made its people sects, oppressing a group (i.e. Children of Israel) among them: killing their sons, and letting their females live. Verily, he was of the Mufsidun (i.e. those who commit great sins and crimes, oppressors, tyrants)**﴾ [28: 4]

Muslim related in his Saheeh that Ibn Mas'ud - may Allah be pleased with him - said: The Messenger of Allah - peace be upon him - said: "**No one who has an atom's-weight of pride in his heart will enter Paradise.**" A man said: "I like my clothes to look good and my shoes to look good, is that pride?" He said: "**No, Allah is Beautiful and loves beauty. Pride means rejecting the truth and looking down on people.**" So rejecting the truth; repelling and denying it, and looking down on people; disdaining and holding them in contempt, are the characteristics of those who want pride and corruption.

Second kind: People who commit corruption with no intention of pride e.g. thieves and criminals among the depraved people.

Third kind: They want pride without committing corruption, like those who are religious, but use their status only to be greater (and recognized) over other people.

Fourth kind: They are the people of Jannah who do not want pride on earth nor corruption even though they may be loftier than others. Allah says: ﴿**So do not become weak (against your enemy), nor be sad, and you will be superior (in victory) if you are indeed (true) believers.**﴾ [3: 139]

And the Almighty says: ﴿**So do not be weak and ask not for peace (from the enemies of Islam) while you are superior and Allah is with you. He will never decrease the reward of your good deeds.**﴾ [47: 35]

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And He says: ﴿... **But honor, power and glory belong to Allah, and to His Messenger (Muhammad - peace be upon him), and to the believers ...**﴾

How many people strive for pride and superiority but only to become more inferior. And how many have been made among the superior and lofty while they do not want pride or corruption." [Majmoo' Fatawa]

So the best of people are those whose hearts have no passion for superiority over believers or corruption on earth. And the pious Slaves of Allah are the furthest from the monarchy and rulership.

It was narrated by Abu Hureira: The Messenger of Allah - peace be upon him - said: "**You will desire leadership and indeed, it will bring you regret and grief on the Day of Judgment. How good is the Suckling mother! And how bad is the weaning mother.** (A metaphore describing responsibility and irresponsibility of leaders)" Saheeh Bukhari

Whomever Allah tries him with leadership or rulership without his desire or asking, then he should fear Allah and have Taqwa (piety), and ask Allah to assist him (in his leadership). Imam Ahmad related: Narrated by Abu Hureira - may Allah be pleased with him: The Messenger of Allah - peace be upon him - said: "**There is no a leader of ten except he will be brought on the Day of Judgment chained until justice unbinds him or oppression destroys him.**"

O Mujahid, struggling with one's self, and confronting desires is permanent, as long as the soul is in the body. And blissful is he whose end comes with a call from Angels to his self, ﴿O good soul, come out to the Forgiveness from Allah and His Contentment.﴾ ﴿... And the home of the Hereafter will be better. And excellent indeed will be the home (Paradise) of the Muttaqeen; Gardens of Eden which they will enter, under which rivers flow, they will have therein all that they wish. Thus Allah rewards the Muttaqeen. Those whose lives the Angels take while they are in a pious state, saying, Salamun 'Alaikum (peace be upon you) enter you Paradise, because of that (the good) which you used to do (in the world).﴾

THE SECOND MESSAGE

O Mujahid, indeed, the greatest of our enemy is the accursed Shaytan (Satan); we pray that Allah protects us from him. The Almighty says: ﴿**O mankind! Verily, the Promise of Allah is true. So let not this present life deceive you, and let not the chief deceiver (Satan) deceive you about Allah. Surely, Shaytan is an enemy to you, so take (treat) him as an enemy. He only invites his Hizb (followers) that they may become the dwellers of thew blazing Fire.**﴾ [35: 5-6]

And the cursed Shaytan spares no effort in fighting and hindering us from the Way of Allah. Allah narrates about him: ﴿**(Iblis/Shaytan) said: 'Because You have sent me astray, surely I will sit in wait against them (human beings) on Your Straight Path. Then I will come to them from before them and behind them, from their right and from their left, and You will not find most of them as thank ful ones (i.e. they will not be dutiful to You).'**﴾ [7: 16-17]

This malicious enemy, in spite of his unspared efforts in hindering people from the Path of Allah, he has despaired misleading the believing group to worship him, or to follow him as slaves. But he wishes to overcome them on one thing; Imam Muslim related, narrated by Jabir, he said: I heard the Messenger of Allah - peace be upon him - say: "**The Shaytan has despaired of being worshipped in the Arabian Peninsula, but he will sow seeds of discord among them.**"

Sowing seeds of discord among Muslims is a satanic deed, the job of Iblis (Shaytan). It is not practiced except by the cursed Shaytan or his agents among the humankind. What an evil job an agent of Shaytan is! ﴿**And whoever takes Shaytan as a Wali (protector or helper) instead of Allah, has surely suffered a manifest loss. He (Shaytan) makes promises to them, and arouses in them false desires; and Shaytan promise them nothing but deceptions. The dwelling of such (people) is Jahannam, and they will find no way of escape from it.**﴾ [4: 119-121]

The believing Muslims are Slaves of Allah, they are sealed by their Iman, and Allah has united their hearts. And Shaytan endeavors to sow seeds of discord so that he brings enmity and hatred between them.

The Shayateen among mankind (Satans), just as they strive to sow dissension among Muslim individuals, they strive to sow seeds of disagreement between gatherings, meetings and groups of the believers; they seek fitnah (turmoil) and hindering from the Path of Allah. The Almighty says: ﴿**Had they marched out with you, they would have added to you nothing except disorder, and they would have hurried about in your midst (spreading corruption) and sowing sedition among you – and there some among you who would have listened to them. And Allah is the All-Knower of the Dhalimiin (Polytheist and wrong-doers).**﴾ [9: 47]

But Allah the Almighty has taught us in the Holy Quran guaranteed ways of thwarting the plots of Shayateen and repelling their aggression. Allah the Almighty directed us to good speech, and to use the best of words. Allah says: ﴿**And say to My Slaves (the true believers) that they should (only) say those words that are the best. (Because) Verily, Shaytan sows dissension among them. Surly, Shaytan is to man a plain enemy.**﴾ [17: 53]

And just as Allah has ordered us to make our speech the best, He ordered us to make our deeds the best. He says: ﴿**The good deed and the evil deed cannot be equal. Repel (the evil) with one which is better, then verily he, between whom and you there is enmity, (will become) as though he was a close friend. But none is granted it (the above quality) except those who are patient - and none is granted it except the owner of the great portion (Happiness in Paradise and of high moral character) in this world. And if an evil whisper from Shaytan tries to turn you away (from doing good), then seek refuge in Allah. Verily, He is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower.**﴾[41: 34-36] The orders in these verses, is not only (to use) good words and deeds; but the best of words and deeds.

The third of the divine orders is easiness in treatment and behavior, enjoining good, avoiding the people of ignorance, unity for the Sake of Allah and seeking refuge in Him the Almighty. Allah says: ﴿**Show forgiveness, enjoin what is good, and turn away from the foolish. And if an evil whisper comes to you from Shaytan, then seek refuge in Allah. Verily, He is All-Hearer, All-Knower. Verily those who are Muttaqeen, when an evil thought comes to them from Shaytan, they remember (Allah), and (indeed) they then see.**﴾ [7:119-201]

O Mujahid in the Way of Allah, rejoice if you are among the Auliyaa of Allah, a person of Iman and Taqwa (piety). Allah says: ﴿**No doubt! Verily, the Auliyaa of Allah no fear shall come upon them nor shall they grieve. Those who believed, and used to fear Allah much. For them are glad tidings, in the life of the present world and in the Hereafter. No change can there be in the Words of Allah. This is indeed the supreme success.**﴾ [10: 62-64]

O Mujahid in the Way of Allah, I love you for the sake of Allah, hence I send you these two messages. I ask Allah the Most High the Greatest to gather me with the beloved Mujahideen on the Day we meet Him while He is pleased with us and has accepted our Jihad and blessed us with martyrdom in His Way, our souls in green birds who frequent the rivers of Jannah, eat from its fruits and then retire to golden lamps hanged in the shade of the Throne.

O Allah grant us a good ending. Ameen.

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